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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on May 30, 2005, **LARRY JORDAN**, a/k/a “L.A.,” age 36, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced in United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. JORDAN, who had previously pled guilty to conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, was sentenced to 262 months’ imprisonment, 5 years’ supervised release, and was fined \$600.

At JORDAN’s sentencing, the evidence established that between at least July 2002, and June 2, 2003, JORDAN was responsible for distributing in excess of 500 grams of crack cocaine in DuQuoin, Illinois. JORDAN received an increased sentence because he possessed a firearm during his involvement in the crack cocaine conspiracy. The following co-defendants have already been sentenced for their involvement in the crack cocaine conspiracy: GREGORY WOODS - 240 months’ imprisonment; LORENZO BOLLING - 168 months’ imprisonment; SEDRIC C. ANDERSON - 135 months’ imprisonment; MINDY SMITH - 108 months’ imprisonment; and REGINALD WALLS - 78 months’ imprisonment.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Perry County Drug Task Force pursuant to their participation in the Perry County Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. Under the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors are working together to prosecute drug dealers, felons in possession of firearms, and criminals that use firearms to commit violent offenses or drug trafficking offenses in the system that will get them the most time. In addition, the Perry County States Attorney’s Office assisted throughout the investigation.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.